

CHAPTER 228

PUBLIC CONTRACTS

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AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter twenty-five (25) of title four (4) and sections seven hundred twenty-three (723) and seven hundred twenty-four (724) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the duty of public officers in the matter of public contracts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter twenty-five (25) of title four (4) and sections seven hundred twenty-three (723) and seven hundred twenty-four (724) of the compiled code of Iowa are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

1 **SECTION 1. Unauthorized contracts.** Officers empowered to expend,
2 or direct the expenditure, of public money of the state shall not make
3 any contract for any purpose which contemplates an expenditure of
4 such money in excess of that authorized by law.

[C. C. 680, 681, modified.]

1 **SEC. 2. Executive council may authorize indebtedness.** Nothing
2 herein contained shall prevent the incurring of an indebtedness on
3 account of support funds for state institutions, upon the prior writ-
4 ten direction of the executive council, specifying the items and amount
5 of such indebtedness to be increased, and the necessity therefor.

[C. C. 681.]

1 **SEC. 3. Divulging contents of sealed bids.** No public officer or
2 deputy thereof, if any, shall directly or indirectly or in any manner
3 whatsoever, at any other time or in any other manner than as pro-
4 vided by law, open any sealed bid or convey or divulge to any person
5 any part of the contents of a sealed bid, on any proposed contract
6 concerning which a sealed bid is required or permitted by law.

[C. C. 682.]

1 **SEC. 4. Penalty.** A violation of the provisions of the preceding
2 section shall, in addition to criminal liability, render the violator
3 liable, personally and on his bond, if any, to liquidated damages in the
4 sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation, to inure
5 to, and be collected by the state, county, city, town, school district
6 or other municipal corporation of which the violator is an officer or
7 deputy.

[C. C. 682.]

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